

REMARKS

Below are preliminary remarks in support of the patentability of claims 1-19.

Claims 1-19 have previously been allowed in the parent case (10/135,314). No new matter has been added in this case. After receiving the Notice of Allowability in the parent case, Applicants became aware of prior art that had not previously been submitted. Applicants elected to allow the parent case to lapse, and pursue these claims in the present case. It is not believed that the enclosed prior art impacts the allowability of the present case in any way, but Applicants felt bound by their duty to disclose.

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the claims 1-19.

Favorable action in regard to the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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